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Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 26th and 28th meetings, on 19 and 23 December 2008, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/63/15) on the programme budget implications of General Assembly resolution A/63/3. At the 26th meeting, on 19 December, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/619). The draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations was before the Committee (see para. 3 below).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.26 and 28).

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Decision of the Fifth Committee

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] decides to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of its resolution 63/3 of 8 October 2008 will entail additional requirements amounting to some $435,000 in respect of the International Court of Justice. Efforts will be made to accommodate the estimated additional requirements of $130,000 in 2009 within the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, and actual expenditures will be reported in the context of the second performance report for the same biennium. The remaining requirements of $305,000 for the biennium 2010-2011 will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for that biennium.

[1] A/C.5/63/15

[2] A/63/619